

DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY - C&O CANAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

PARK NAME, STATE: Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, Maryland

STRUCTURE NAME(S): William Ely House

Other Names: (Ellsworth L. Wiles House)

LOCATION Street Address: located in Miller's Sawmill Vicinity, Canal Road, mile 70.68

Town/City: Sharpsburg

County: Washington

CATEGORY: District___ Building(s) X Structure___ Site___ Object___

DATE CONSTRUCTED: Last quarter 19th century **IDLCS:** 47510 **INVENTORY #:** WA-II-381

SIGNIFICANCE National X State & Regional ___ Local ___

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA: A X B ___ C ___ D ___

The William Ely house is located in Miller's Sawmill, a small community that developed along the C&O Canal near Miller's sawmill, which operated in the 19th century. George Burgan acquired the property in 1881 from the trustees of Reverend John Adams. When Burgan purchased the estate, which contained 177 1/2 acres, there were no houses in this area. William Ely purchased the property in 1896 and most likely constructed the house sometime thereafter. In his will from 1920 Ely bequeathed his house and lot to his wife and daughters. Ellsworth L. and Margie L. Wiles were the last private owners of the property.

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DESCRIPTION

he property includes a house and a contemporary shed that is considered non-contributing. The house was constructed in four sections. The western most section is one and a half stories tall and measures 20' by 20'6", and the next section is one story and measures 8' by 10'. The third, and oldest, section is one and a half stories and measures 12' by 18'6", and the last section is one story and measures 12' by 12'6". There is a 7' by 20' attached porch to the western most section and a concrete patio at the front of the house. The concrete patio was added sometime after 1968. The house is frame and sits on a concrete block foundation. Each of the sections has a gable roof.

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Form Prepared by: Ann Deines/Historian; National Park Service/National Capital Region
1100 Ohio Drive SW; Washington, DC; 20242 (202) 205-8490

Date: 1 June 1994

National Park Service, NCR, Recommendation:

Individually Eligible___ Contributes to C&O Canal National Historic District X

Contributes to Antietam Iron Furnace Historic District___ Ineligible___

State Historic Preservation Officer:

Concur X Do Not Concur___

(See "Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, Conococheague District, List of Eligible Structures" for concurrence signature.)

DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY - C&O CANAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

PARK NAME, STATE: Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, Maryland

STRUCTURE NAME(S): George Burgan House

Other Names: (Arthur D. Keller House)

LOCATION Street Address: Canal Road, located in Miller's Sawmill Vicinity, mile 70.80

Town/City: Sharpsburg

County: Washington

CATEGORY: District___ Building(s) X Structure___ Site___ Object___

DATE CONSTRUCTED: Unknown

IDLCS: 49989

INVENTORY #: WA-II-381

SIGNIFICANCE

National X

State & Regional ___

Local ___

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA: A X B ___ C ___ D ___

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DESCRIPTION

The property includes a house, privy, shed, and concrete water trough. Only the house is contributing; the privy, shed, and concrete trough are non-contributing. The original section of the house is one and a half stories and was added to on each side. The original section has a stone foundation, a gable roof, and is log construction. The exterior has board and batten siding. The windows are double hung frame. The section measures 16'6" by 22'3". There is a one story addition on the east side that measures 10'6" by 16'6" and a one story addition on the west side that measures 12'6" by 14'6". There is an attached open front porch on the original section that measures 4'6" by 8'. There is a basement under the original section and the addition on the east side.

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District 1
Maps 79-80
MAGI # 2209445904

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Miller's Sawmill Vicinity

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Miller's Sawmill Road and Canal Road

CITY, TOWN

☒ VICINITY OF Sharpsburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☒ PARK (Part)
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Multiple Owners

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Miller's Sawmill is a small community along the C & O Canal. It consists, for the most part of small frame and log houses dating from the 19th and early 20th centuries. Many have been adapted to summer or year around residences and some have been acquired by the National Park Service as part of the C & O Canal National Park. A stone arched culvert which spans a small stream beneath the canal dates from the second quarter of the 19th century. The site of Miller's Sawmill which operated in the 19th century is located nearby.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Miller's Sawmill as a community presumably developed along the C & O Canal near the site of an active commercial enterprise. Later it became a group of summer houses along the Potomac River. More recently many of the houses have been converted for year around living and several have been acquired by the Park.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION _____

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Preservation Associates

DATE

June 1978

STREET & NUMBER

109 West Main Street, Box 202

TELEPHONE

301-432-5466

CITY OR TOWN

Sharpsburg

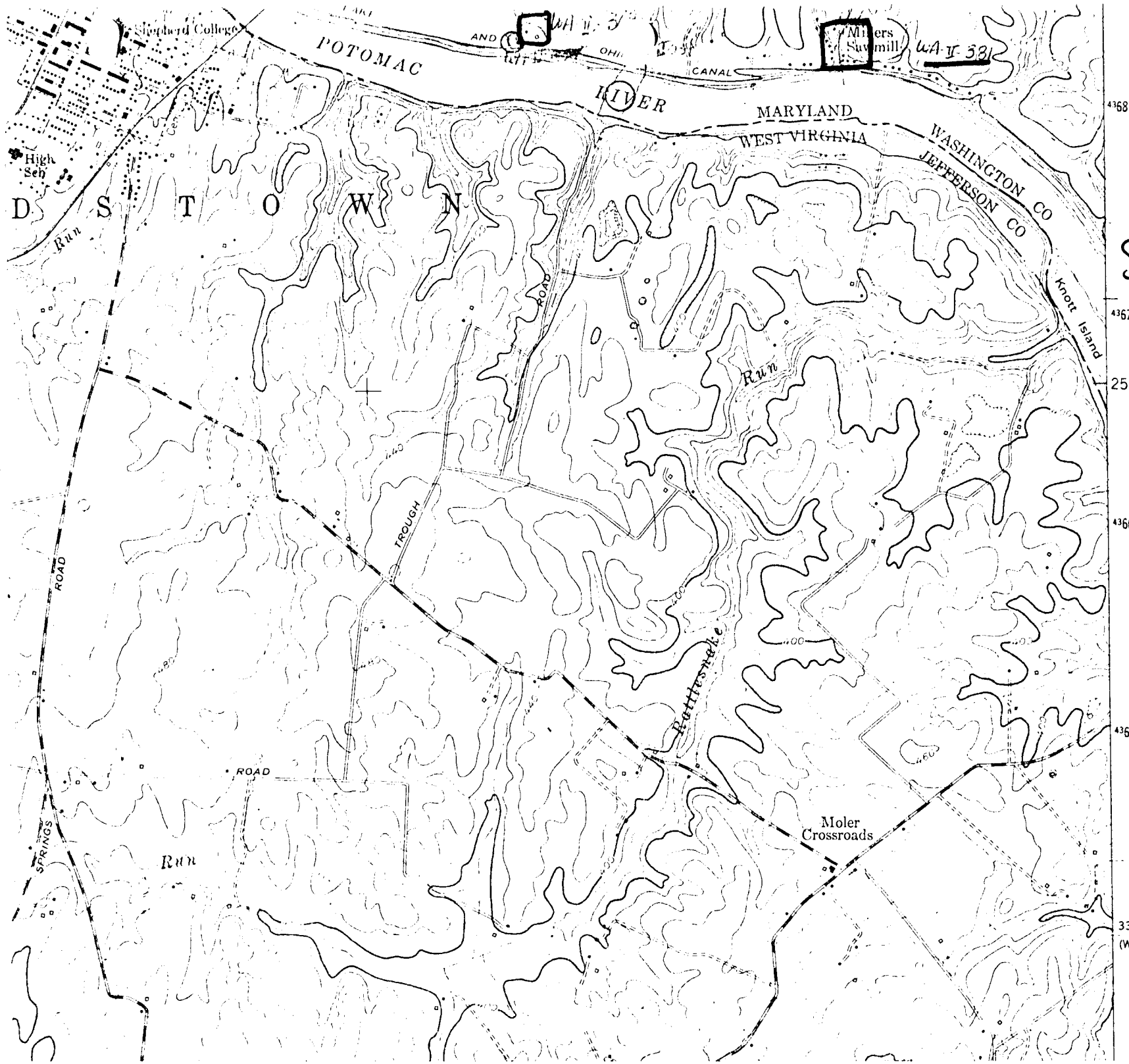
STATE

Maryland 21782

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Miller's Sawmill & Vicinity

Miller's Sawmill Rd. & Canal
Rd. Sharpsburg Vicinity

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N.E. View

April, 1976

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N. view.

April, 1976

Miller's Sawmill & Vicinity

Miller's Sawmill & Canal Rds.
Sharpsburg Vicinity

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Culvert, S. face

April, 1976

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Sharpsburg Vicinity

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April 1976

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